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Mr. Vernon A. Williams
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Washington, DC 20423-0001



Re: STB Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 173X), Illinois Central
Railroad Company — Petition for Exemption for
Abandonment in Forrest County, Mississippi


Dear Secretary Williams:

Illinois Central Railroad Company agrees to extend the NITU an additional 60 days in the above-referenced proceeding.

Ten copies of this letter are enclosed. Feel free to call me if you have questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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